VA Software Assurance

Office of Information Security

Secure Coding Tips

Tip: VA Software Assurance Support Site Resources

This week's Secure Coding Tip is about the VA Software Assurance Support Site and the resources that it provides. Scanning source code to perform code review is an authorization requirement included in the Technical / Testing Requirements of the OCS Accreditation Requirements Guide / SOP [1] , and enforced as part of the ATO issuance process.[2]

The VA Software Assurance Support Site is accessible from both inside and outside of the VA network. In a nutshell it is where you can find resources including:

- VA Software Assurance Program Office announcements, including Fortify software and rulepack releases,
- VA secure code review policies, procedures, request forms, and
- VA secure software development training materials and technical notes.

The VA Software Assurance Support Site also includes a section with Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) that covers a wide range of topics.

Read more...

[1] "Accreditation Requirements Guide / Standard Operating Procedures", Office of Cyber Security (OCS) Assessment and Authorization intranet site.

[2] "Accreditation Requirements Expectation Memorandum" (Section 2.a.ii "Code Review"), VA Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) Stanley F. Lowe, March 19, 2014.

More Information

For more information about the VA Software Assurance Program Office, please visit our website here.

Resources

VA Software Assurance Support Site

VA Code Review Standard Operating Procedures

VA Code Review Process eLearning Module

VA-Licensed Fortify Request Instructions

VA Software Assurance Training Schedule

VA Software Assurance Frequently Asked Questions

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